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SUBJ: MENGELE INVESTIGATION - NO. 3

REF: SAO PAULO 1462 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - (ENTIRE TEXT).

2. SUMMARY:

FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF ROMEU TUMA IS NOW MOST FORTHCOMING ABOUT
COOPERATION WITH U.S. EXPERTS ON THE MENGELE INVESTIGATION AND
ASKED THAT ANTHROPOLOGIST AND/OR PATHOLOGIST ARRIVE FROM THE
U.S. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

3. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DOCUMENT/INK SPECIALIST TONY CANTU AND
FINGERPRINT EXPERTS GIDEON EPSTEIN AND DAVID CROWN JOINED NEAL
SHER, MICHAEL WOLFE (OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS,
DOJ), RAFAEL FONSECA, AND POLOFF FOR MEETING WITH ROMEU
TUMA, SAO PAULO CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE ON JUNE 11 TO
DISCUSS COOPERATION ON THE MENGELE INVESTIGATION. TUMA
EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM ABOUT WORKING WITH BOTH U.S. AND
FRG EXPERTS AND, NOTING GERMAN PATHOLOGIST WERE SCHEDULED
TO ARRIVE IN SAO PAULO JUNE 12, ASKED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS
FOR ARRIVAL OF A U.S. PATHOLOGIST AND/OR ANTHROPOLOGIST.
SHER ASSURED TUMA THAT DOJ WAS IDENTIFYING APPROPRIATE
EXPERTS. (NOTE: IN SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION,
MARK RICHARD OF DOJ, INFORMED POLOFF THAT FORENSIC ANTHRO-

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POLOGIST ELLIS CURTLEY AND FORENSIC ODONTOLOGIST LOWELL LEVINE WOULD ARRIVE IN SAO PAULO ON JUNE 13. BOTH ARE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ON CONTRACT TO DOJ.)

4. TUMA ALSO SUGGESTED THAT U.S., GERMAN, AND BRAZILIAN EXPERTS FROM ALL AREAS MEET DAILY TO REVIEW STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION. ALTHOUGH TUMA NOTED HE WOULD BE IN BRASILIA TOMORROW (JUNE 12) HE, NEVERTHELESS, SUGGESTED FIRST TRI-PARTIE MEETING BE HELD THEN.

5. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH TUMA, EXPERTS BEGIN INFORMAL REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS WITH THEIR BRAZILIAN COUNTERPARTS. SERIOUS WORK WILL BEGIN JUNE 12 WHEN U.S. TEAM TAKES ITS EQUIPMENT TO POLICE OFFICES.

6. GERMAN CONSULATE OFFICIAL GAVE TUMA AND POLOFF COPIES OF A STATEMENT HE SAID HAD BEEN MADE BY ROLFE MENGELE EARLIER IN GERMANY. ACCORDING TO ROUGH, ORAL TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY THE GERMANS, ROLFE MENGELE SAID HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT HIS FATHER LIVED IN SAO PAULO AND WAS BURIED IN EMBU.

7. U.S. PRESS CONTINGENT CONTINUES HOT ON HEELS OF SHER AND COMPANY WITH NBC TV TEAM CAMPED OUT IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON JUNE 11. PRESS WAS OUT IN FORCE AT BOTH AIRPORT ARRIVAL OF U.S. EXPERTS AND AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, ALTHOUGH TUMA'S OFFICE AND AREA IN WHICH EXPERTS WILL CONDUCT THEIR INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEEN SCRUPULOUSLY SEALED OFF FROM ALL MEDIA. U.S. TEAM HAS MAINTAINED STRICT "NO COMMENT" APPROACH TO PRESS.

8. COMMENT:
FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE DISPLAYED BY TUMA AND HIS MEN WAS CLEARLY EVIDENT AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL OF WOLFE, CANTU, EPSTEIN, AND CROWN. FEDERAL POLICE TOOK CARE OF ALL CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES FOR BOTH MEN AND EQUIPMENT. BRAZILIAN RESPONSE TO U.S. ASSISTANCE IS NOW NOT ONLY ONE OF TOLERANCE, BUT OF GENUINE APPRECIATION. THIS ATTITUDE IS DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO DISCREET HANDLING OF MEDIA AND CULTURAL SENSITIVITY DISPLAYED BY U.S. EXPERTS HERE AND U.S. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE AND LET BRAZILIANS PROVE IT'S THEIR SHOW.

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